

**MARKED UP COPY OF THE CLAIMS BEING AMENDED**

1. (Amended) A method for replying to a call coming to a [communication device] portable terminal [in a situation where the user of the communication device can't answer the call him/herself, characterized in that] wherein, in response to the incoming call, the [communication device] portable terminal identifies the caller on the basis of an identification information [included within the incoming call and sends a reply according to a selection made by the user], or directs the incoming call to another answering service, said reply [being one of the following: a voice message, an e-mail message, a facsimile, an SMS message (7) in the form of a character string] having a form selectable from a plurality of forms of communication, and wherein said step of identifying the caller is accomplished by said portable terminal, and said step of sending a reply is accomplished by said portable terminal, said portable terminal being capable of performing said step of sending a reply by providing a selected response to said caller exclusively through the action of said portable terminal.

2. (Amended) A method in accordance with claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the [communication device] portable terminal sends said reply immediately [(9)] in response to an incoming call, and said plurality of forms of communication include a voice message, an e-mail message, a facsimile, and an SMS message in the form of a character string.

3. (Amended) A method in accordance with claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein in response to an incoming call, the [communication device] portable terminal alarms and waits during a certain predefined delay, and if [the] a user during said delay does not answer said call, the [communication device] portable terminal sends said reply [(10)].

4. (Amended) A method in accordance with claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein in response to an incoming call, the [communication device] portable terminal alarms, and if [the] a user gives a certain key command, the [communication device] portable terminal sends said reply [(11)].

5. (Twice amended) A method in accordance with claim 3, [characterized in that] wherein the [communication device] portable terminal gives a soundless alarm.

6. (Twice amended) A method in accordance with claim 2, [characterized in that] wherein the [communication device] portable terminal routes said call additionally to a usual call answering machine [(8)].

7. (Twice amended) A method in accordance with claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein said reply is at least partly formulated based on the identification of the calling party.

8. (Amended) A method in accordance with claim 7 [characterized in that] wherein a reply is sent to certain identified calling parties only.

9. (Twice amended) A method in accordance with claim 7, [characterized in that] wherein the reply to be sent in response to the incoming call is different according to the respective company said call is coming from.

10. (Twice amended) A method in accordance with claim 7, [characterized in that] wherein the reply to be sent in response to the incoming call is different according to the respective country said call is coming from.

11. (Twice amended) A method in accordance with claim 7, [characterized in that] wherein the reply to be sent in response to the incoming call is different according to the respective time zone said call is coming from.

12. (Twice amended) A method in accordance with claim 7, [characterized in that] wherein said identification of the calling party is based on a telephone notebook comprised by the communication.

13. (Amended) A method in accordance with claim 12, [characterized in that] wherein a piece of information applying to calling party, read from said telephone notebook, is included in said reply.

14. (Twice amended) A method in accordance with claims 7, [characterized in that] wherein a reminder to call the identified calling

party will be stored into the [communication device] portable terminal, in order to be presented to [the] a user later.

15. (Twice amended) A method in accordance claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein said reply includes time information.

16. (Amended) A method in accordance with claim 15, [characterized in that] wherein said time information comprises a reference to a certain fixed time by the clock.

17. (Amended) A method in accordance with claim 15, [characterized in that] wherein said time information comprises the length of the time that is left from incoming of the call to a certain fixed time by the clock.

18. (Twice amended) A method in accordance with claim 15, [characterized in that] wherein when [the] a user has entered information concerning his/her time schedule into the [communication device] portable terminal, the [communication device] portable terminal forms said time information automatically by reading from said time schedule information the time when the user will be reachable.

19. (Twice amended) A method in accordance with claim 15, [characterized in that] wherein when the time until the time expressed by said time information has expired, the function controlling the sending of replies in the [communication device] portable terminal in response to an incoming call is automatically disconnected.

20. (Amended) A [communication device (20)] portable terminal

for replying to an incoming call [in a situation where the user of the communication device can't reply the call him/herself], [characterized in that it] said portable terminal [comprises] comprising means for identifying the caller on the basis of an identification information [included within the incoming call], and means for sending[, according to a selection made by the user,] a reply in response to the call, said reply [being one of the following: a voice message, an e-mail message, a facsimile, an SMS message (7) in the form of a character string] having a form selectable from a plurality of forms of communication, and wherein said means for sending a reply is capable of sending said reply by providing a selected response to said caller exclusively through the action of said portable terminal.

21. (Amended) A [communication device] portable terminal in accordance with claim 20, [characterized in that it comprises] further comprising a real time clock and means for including time information in said reply, said forms of communication including a voice message, e-mail message, facsimile, or SMS message.

22. (Twice amended) A [communication device] portable terminal in accordance with claim 20, [characterized in that it comprises] wherein said forms of communication include a voice message, an e-mail message, a facsimile, and an SMS message in the form of a character string, the portable terminal further comprising a downwards counting timer for expressing the length of the time that is left from a certain predefined time period, and means for attaching the information expressed by said timer to said voice message, e-mail message, facsimile, or SMS message.